

# ATLANTIS

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GRAUSTARK is one Diplomacy magazine no one should be without. It is published by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11226. Subscriptions are 8 issues for \$1.00. There are no game openings at present, but with the number of games ending or about to end, it's a fair guess that John will be opening up a couple of games soon. Write to him and ask about it. GRAUSTARK games are very fast and well-run -- a pleasure to play in or just watch.

XENOLOGIC is another 'zine I'd like to plug. Larry Peery, 750 I Ave., Coronado, California 92118, is the spirit behind this one. Fun to read or even play in, although there are no game openings at present, maybe soon Larry?

EREHWON & KADATH are just a couple of the many good 'zines to come from the prolific typewriter of Rod Walker, 5058 Hawley Blvd., San Diego, California 92116. There may be game openings now, write Rod for more information.

LA GUERRE is published by Buddy Tretick, 3702 Wendy Lane, Silver Spring, Maryland 20906. There may be some openings here. In any case, a good 'zine to play in, or argue rules with the editor in.

SerenDip is the only Diplomacy magazine to come out of Canada that I am familiar with. John McCallum, P.O. Box 52, Ralston, Alberta, CANADA is the brains behind this. The price is only 1¢ per page -- very worthwhile! Good games are run, along with a Bourse for you capitalistically inclined readers.

Now if I can only get him to notice my new address....

LD#3

1969AZ

"Winter 1907"

## DIVISION OF EUROPE SOON?

ENGLAND (Lakofka):

Builds A Lon, F Edi (12)

GERMANY (Locke):

Builds A Kie (11)

Countries in Civil Disorder:

ITALY (1); AUSTRIA (1); TURKEY (9)

"Spring 1908" moves are due 1 June 1971. [reprint on announcement.]

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rod Walker, 5058 Hawley Blvd., San Diego, Calif. 92116, 5 April:

Dear Chris,

Thank you very much for the copy of Richard Miller's letter in ATLANTIS #36. I do not care to give credence to his tissue of lies and personal abuse by replying to it. However, since some purpose may be served by setting the record straight, I will make some comment.

I do not know Mr. Miller (a pleasure I hope to continue), but it would seem from his address that he knows John Beshara. He must therefore have seen EREHWON 43. It is obvious that he did not read it. One wonders how many of his pervarications he made up himself and how many were handed to him from elsewhere.

Be that as it may, my record as an activist in the field of organization is well known. I was one of four who founded the International Diplomacy Federation in 1966. It died from lack of interest, as did my attempt at revival in 1968. In 1969, I took over the moribund NFFFGB Diplomacy Division and turned it into an active organization of 37 gamesmasters and other prominent personalities. It is the Division which has been active in finding new homes for orphan games; it was the Division which took the first steps (unfortunately unsuccessful) toward ending the confusion of vastly different house-rules; it was the Division which put out the first 'zine (PONTEVEDRIA) aimed at new blood, telling them about the game and listing game openings; it was the Division which was responsible for getting Games Research to advertise postal Diplomacy in the game sets; it was the Division which set in motion the Archive project to save the written heritage of postal Diplomacy. All of these are player services, by the way. No one denies John Beshara's important accomplishment in setting up a general-membership organization; but in the field of service, he is far from alone (and, in point of fact, the DA has yet to function). If the seed Beshara has planted does grow and bear fruit, it is because others have prepared the ground for him.

To set at rest another lie, I have never asked (much less pleaded) to be on the DA's board of Directors. I have, in fact, pointedly told John and Ed that I would refuse such a position if offered.

It is indeed unfortunate that a crony of John Beshara's should select this moment to launch such a reprehensible personal attack on me. This sort of juvenile character assassination cannot do the Diplomacy Association (which I was one of the first to join) any good. It is a sick action and demeans the perpetrator.

Thank you for giving me a copy of the letter; thank you for allowing Susanna to reply to the Village Elder.

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[While ATLANTIS prints this letter, it does not mean that the editor agrees with the opinions expressed here. Neither does it mean that I disagree with them. Views to the contrary will also be printed, subject to space and time considerations.

[The editors views and comments that pertain to this controversy appear within this issue of ATLANTIS, on page 4.

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MU is the new 'zine put out by ATLANTIS Press. It carries the orphan game 1968BK (VCL #1), and has openings for the variant game of Princess [Game fee of \$5.00, \$3.00 for IFW Castle & Crusade members.].

## WALKER, THE HERR GOEBBELS OF SAN DIEGO

by

John J. Beehara

It is amusing to read another in an endless series of the Walker-Herr Goebbels' big lies. He is incredibly stupid to believe he can fool some of the people all of the time.

By his own admission, Walker attests to the validity of Richard Miller's charge that after six years of jawboning, Walker failed to form a Diplomacy organization for all players.

As sickening as it was, Richard Miller read EREHWON 43 and other filth, threats and vile defecations signed by Rod Walker and mailed to me, in addition to one he personally received from Walker.

Richard Miller is admirably qualified to assess Walker's perfidy:

1. Richard Miller is completing his dissertation as the last step in receiving a Ph.D. in Mathematics from New York University.

2. Richard Miller was present in my home the evening of February 25th at which time I invited John Boardman and Edi Birsan to support the formation of THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION.

3. Richard Miller was the first member of TDA, the first contributor to the funding drive, and is a member of TDA's Consultant's Committee.

4. Richard Miller assists me with much of the administrative work of TDA.

Therefore, Richard Miller knows the facts and tells it like it is in his letter in ATLANTIS #36. If there is anyone who does not yet know, the "Lurker" story by Walker in EREHWON 43 is slanderous from beginning to end. And Walker the Fabricator knew it when he wrote it.

Now, I don't want to burden the readers by tearing apart all of Walker's lies. There is a simple way to expose Walker's deceit. The Arch Liar, Walker, insists he never asked to be on TDA's Board of Directors and says he pointedly told Edi Birsan and me he would refuse, if asked. In EREHWON 43 in the antepenultimate line of the "Lurker" story, Walker mentions a letter he sent to Edi Birsan on 17 March 1971. What he failed to mention was he sent me a copy of that letter and in it the Arch Liar states:

"Walt Buchanan asked me about joining the Board of Directors, and I thought it would be a good idea. This would make us partners in the vital task of preserving the documentary heritage of postal Diplomacy."

Does Walker the Prevaricator still deny he asked not only Edi Birsan but me to be on the Board? Does Walker the Deceiver still insist he said he "would refuse such a position if offered"? Like all addicted liars, Walker tells so many lies he can't remember which he told to whom.

[Enclosed herewith is a photostatic copy of Walker's letter of March 17th. Several ATLANTIS subscribers have already seen this letter, and I am sending photostats to Robert J. Van Andel and John McCallum. If in Chris Schleicher's opinion there is any doubt as to the authenticity of the letter, let him so state now.]

## EVEN MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR!

Len Lakofka, 1806 N. Richmond, Chicago, Illinois 60647, 30 April:

I must agree with Mr. Miller that it was a pleasure to see the announcement of the DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION in the 35th issue of ATLANTIS. Yet that is all I've seen. Mr. Beshara and his clique from New York have formed something in that state that now has \$50 or so but nothing, to date, has come of it.

"Walker the Talker" has produced, in addition to full game reports in EREHWON for over 3 years, PONTEVERDIA and GEHENNA plus done more for organized Diplomacy in two years than any other person. Mr. Miller, whoever he is, seems to wish Mr. Beshara to the "God of Diplomacy" title, and God knows Mr. Beshara would have it!

If the DA ever does ANYTHING perhaps I can laud it too. So far I believe it has taken my \$1 and given me nothing!

[Len, Mr. Miller is playing as a temporary substitute for James Becker in 1970C -- which is the game you are playing Germany in -- and has been doing so since ATLANTIS #34 came out.]



## EDITORIAL

From where I am, the Beshara-Walker controversy presently going on in this and other Diplomacy magazines has the dimensions of a puzzle wrapped in an enigma shrouded in a fog of obscurity. I dare say there is both right and wrong on each side. But from my point of view, Mr. Walker has done the greater injustice of either, if only because he has made [in EREHWON 43] an insupportable accusation against me. Rod Walker accused me of being invited to join TDA in advance of the public announcement, with the assumption that this was a move by John Beshara to build up some sort of anti-NFFFGB Diplomacy Division group. This, of course, is nonsense. I was informed of the true nature of TDA via the public announcement that appeared in GRAUSTARK. I joined the TDA on 17 March 1971 [according to the date on the check I sent]. Since it obviously took a few days to get to New York, I had been in TDA only two or three days before Rod Walker's attack appeared in EREHWON [dated 22 March 1971, by the way].

Why my membership in TDA would be construed as being potentially anti-NFFFGB-DD is beyond me. The reaction taken by Mr. Walker has had an effect on the relation between me and the NFFFGBDD. I am not renewing my membership in the NFFFGB because for me it seems to be only a waste of needed money. The only constructive things to come out of Rod Walker's efforts are the orphan games that are now being given homes. This is a very commendable action. I am sure that if Rod were not the head of the Diplomacy Division, this would not get done. Rod is a hard worker, no one can deny that, yet I also feel that what is needed is not one person doing the work, but a group. One person cannot do everything that is needed. This is why the organization I am looking to is TDA. It is much more widely-based than the NFFFGBDD -- much more efficiently equipped to do the work necessary in a Diplomacy organization. I am going to give The Diplomacy Association a chance to work. I can only suggest that others give TDA a chance to prove itself.

Christopher G. Schleicher

R-2

F Nap-Apu  
F Tyr-Nap  
A Tus-Ven  
A Por-Spa  
A Pie (S) A Tus-Ven  
A Rom (S) A Tus-Ven

F Wes-Tun  
F Bre-Mid  
F Kie-Ber  
A Bel-Hol  
F Eng (C) A Lon-Bsl  
A Lon-Bsl  
F Nor-StP (nc)  
F Nth (C) A Edi-Den  
A Edi-Den

## A Par-Gas

[No movss received]  
A Ukr holds [dislodged & annihilated]

A Ruh-Bur  
A Per-Kie  
A War (S) TURKISH A Sav-Ukr

F Apu (S) A Ven  
A Vie-Tyr  
A Bul-Rum  
A Tyr-Pie  
A Ven (S) A Tyr-Pie  
F Tri (S) A Ven  
A Bud-Gal

A StP holds  
A Sev-Ukr  
A Mos (S) A Sev-Ukr  
A Gre-Tun  
F Con-Aeg  
F Ion (C) A Gre-Tun  
F Eas (S) F Ion

3 June 1971

# CURIOUS HAPPENINGS IN BLACK SEA ANGER CZAR!

RUSSIA (Horvath):

F StP (nc)-Nor  
F Swe (S) F StP (nc)-Nor  
A Arm-Syr  
F Rum-Bla [see note below]  
F Sev (S) F Rum-Bla  
A Ukr-Rum

**TURKEY (Leahy):**

A Bul-Rum  
F Bla (S) A Bul-Rum [dislodged; see note]  
A Con-Ank  
A Smg (S) A Con-Ank

AUSTRIA (Ver Ploeg for Jones):

F Tri holds  
A Vie (S) F Tri  
F Gre-Aeg  
A Ser-Gre  
A Bud-Ser

GERMANY (Tretick):

F Nth (S) FRENCH F Bre-Eng [dislodged]  
A Hol-Bol  
A Tyr-Pie  
F Kie-Den

FRANCE (White):

F Pic (S) GERMAN A Hol-Bel  
A Spa-Gas  
A Por holds  
F Bre-Eng  
F Mar-Spa (sc)

ENGLAND (Beckman):

F Eng-Bel  
A Edi holds  
F Bel-Nth  
F Lon (S) F Bel-Nth

ITALY (Hoyer):

A Ven holds  
A Tus-Pie  
F Tun-Wos  
F Nap-Tyr

Underlined moves do not succeed. The retreats for the German F Nth and the Turkish F Bla are due 16 June 1971. Al Beckman, England, will be leaving the country for a few weeks. My wife, Deborah, will be a temporary substitute and play for Al until he returns, subject to one condition. That is, because she is my wife, some of the players may object. There's no reason to, as 1970AJ has shown, but I will still listen to any objection from 1971R players if it is received before 17 June 1971. If any player objects to my wife as a temporary substitute, I will attempt to find another substitute.

[illegible]

The situation in the Black Sea, where the Turkish fleet was dislodged, but

the support it gave was not cut, is a situation covered in the ATLANTIS House rules. The sample ruling "D" covers this:

D. Miller's Rule will not be used; that is, a dislodged unit may give support:

RUSSIA: A Rum-Bud, A Ser (S) A Rum-Bud  
AUSTRIA: A Bud-Ser, A Tri (S) A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Bud

Note the move of A Vie-Bud does not succeed in stopping A Rum-Bud.

The support is not cut because the attack comes from the province into which support was given. As was in 1971R:

RUSSIA: F Rum-Bla, F Sev (S) F Rum-Bla, A Ukr-Rum  
TURKEY: A Bul-Rum, F Bla (S) A Bul-Rum

The move A Ukr-Rum does not succeed in stopping A Bul-Rum.

However, had the attack come from another province, such as F Sev-Bla, F Rum (S) F Sev-Bla, the support would be cut,

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"Winter 1906"

1970C

R-1

AS GERMANY SINKS SLOWLY INTO THE SUNSET....

ENGLAND (Miller for Becker): Builds A Lon (9)  
RUSSIA (Peery): Builds A Sev (12)  
GERMANY (Lakofka): Removes F Liv (1)  
ITALY (Gygax): No change (2)  
FRANCE (Comber): Builds A Mar (9)

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New Game -- R-4

The new game, R-4, is still open. The game fee is \$5.00, \$4.00 for IFW or TDA members. The Gamesmaster for this game is Christopher Schleicher, 5122 W. Carmen Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60630. Players should send in a list of the countries they wish to play, numbered 1-7. Country assignment will be based on a comparison of these lists, with ties determined by random choice.

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## THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION

The Wazir, THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION'S publication, just released it's first issue. It is attractively readable, interesting, and informative. For beginner or experienced player, the Wazir is a must.

The Wazir is free to members of THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION, and the membership fee is only \$1.00 for the year, making it the best bargain in Diplomacy today. Other advantages of TDA membership:

1. Committees of Consultants in every area of the country are organized to provide new players with an experienced Consultant and instructional material, free of charge.
2. For the convenience to new players, TDA is codifying in sample ruling form the house rules of the games new players enter. TDA's only concern is to provide members with clear and concise rules, not to interfere with a Gamesmaster's right to choose his own house rules. If Gamesmasters wish to codify their house rules to aid all players in their games, as ATLANTIS has already done, TDA will assist them.
3. ATLANTIS offers a one dollar discount to TDA members who play in R-4, our new game.
4. For details of other advantages, see Wazir #1.

Your editor is the newly-appointed Chairman of the Membership Committee for the Central United States. I urge every ATLANTIS reader to join TDA and to ask their Diplomacy friends to join, too. Membership fees, cash or checks payable to THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION, should be sent to the Chairman of the Board of Directors:

Mr. John J. Beshara  
155 West 68th Street, Apt. 1021  
New York, New York 10023

Within a week of its inception, TDA was larger than any other Diplomacy membership organization. Mr. Beshara just informed me that "within less than three months, TDA has more members than the number of players and subscribers of any Diplomacy publication. In every category, THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION is Number One, and we will strive to merit the support of our members with diligence and service for their Diplomacy needs."